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Main Entry: **1demand** **n**

Pronunciation: di-'mand, -'m[a]'nd, dE-

Function: *noun*1 **a** : an act of demanding or asking especially with authority**b** : something claimed as due2 *archaic* : **QUESTION**3 **a** : willingness and ability to purchase a commodity or service  
**b** : the quantity of a commodity or service wanted at a specified price and time4 **a** : a seeking or state of being sought after <in great *demand* as an entertainer>  
**b** : urgent need5 : the requirement of work or of the expenditure of a resource <equal to the *demands* of the office> <oxygen *demand* for waste oxidation>- **on demand** : upon presentation and request for payment

also : when requested or needed

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